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**Congressman Jim Saxton
Ranking Republican Member**

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ECONOMIC GROWTH AT 3.4 PERCENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. economy advanced at a 3.4 percent rate in the second quarter of 2007, while the Fed's preferred inflation measure slid to 1.4 percent. Congressman Jim Saxton, ranking member of the Joint Economic Committee, made the following statement regarding the new economic data:

“The figures released today show that the U.S. economy is strong and resilient. Despite continued weakness in residential construction and related problems in subprime mortgage lending, the pace of economic growth in the second quarter was quite healthy. As the Federal Reserve recently noted, “The U.S. economy generally performed well in the first half of 2007.” The decline of inflation, as reflected in the Fed's preferred measure, is also a very positive development. Federal Reserve and private economists forecast that the economic expansion will continue into the second half of 2007 and into 2008.”

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